

City of Saint Paul Emergency Declaration

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul, located within Ramsey County, Minnesota, received excessive rainfall from multiple storms, and is expected to cause major flooding in the City of Saint Paul beginning June 24, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the 2024 Summer Flood event has the potential to cause a significant amount of public and private property damage as a result of rising water levels, saturated soil, and increased runoff, and,

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service forecasts the Mississippi River in Saint Paul to enter major flood stage on June 24 as a direct result of these rainstorms, and,

WHEREAS, the City began emergency protective measures on June 4 to mitigate flooding hazards from the Mississippi River, and the City's resources for protective measures are now fully committed, with more rain forecasted and worsening river flooding expected, and,

WHEREAS, the 2024 Summer Flood event has placed the population of Saint Paul at risk threatening critical infrastructure and essential City services, and the forecasted rainfall, severe storms, wind gusts, and risk of flash flooding will exacerbate these impacts, and,

WHEREAS, the necessary resources to respond to and recover from this disaster exceed those resources available within the City, and additional resources will be needed from Ramsey County, State of Minnesota, and federal sources;

NOW, THEREFORE, MAYOR MELVIN CARTER, OF THE CITY OF SAINT PAUL, DECLARES, REQUESTS, AND DIRECTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29, declares that a state of emergency exists within Saint Paul, effective June 24, 2024, with all the powers and responsibilities attending thereto as provided by Chapter 12, Minnesota Statute, and Saint Paul Legislative Code, Chapter 13.
2. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to request and coordinate appropriate aid and resources from surrounding jurisdictions, the Ramsey County Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the State of Minnesota, as needed.
3. Directs the Saint Paul Director of Emergency Management to coordinate the damage survey teams with local governments and assist in the administration of the disaster recovery process, as needed.

4. Requests the City Council discuss the situation and this emergency declaration under suspension of its general rules at its June 26, 2024 meeting. This state of local emergency may not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the Council of the City of Saint Paul.
5. Orders that this declaration be given prompt and general publicity and that it be filed promptly by the City Clerk.

Dated this 24th day of June 2024, at 1200 hours.


Mayor of the City of Saint Paul